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report concerning troops,

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motor vehicles and military activities at the Stossen Stammlager, the Lutz Kaserne, the Hindenburg Kaserne and the Cambrai Kaserne in Stossen, and at the tank repair depot in Wuensdorf, during the period between 20 November and 7 December 1956.

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Miscellaneous information from [redacted] area

(20 Nov - 7 Dec 56)

ZOSSEN STAMMLAGER

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1. (a) On 26 Nov 56, heavy building equipment was unloaded from 10 flats (15 m) at ZOSSEN railway station. The following equipment was unloaded:
  - 3 x Tracked tractors each with levelling equipment built on the front.
  - 1 x Tracked tractor with a crane mounted (jib approx 10 m).
  - 2 x Tracked tractors each towing rolling equipment.
  - 2 x Tracked tractors each with a mounted mechanical grab.
  - 1 x Tracked tractor with levelling equipment built at the front and rear.
  - 2 x Conveyor belts (length of belt 15 m).
- (b) The unloading was carried out by SAF personnel and German civilians. The equipment was later taken to the Stammlager and parked [redacted] Up to 8 Dec 56, no work had been carried out with the equipment.

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HINDENBURG Kaserne

4. The 1000 tps with black sbds who arrived at the HINDENBURG Kaserne from HUNGARY on 7 Nov 56, remained in the barracks for 14 days and left during the night of 20/21 Nov 56. The troops left in two columns and marched to the railway station at WUENSDORF where they were loaded into converted G-wagons. Two officers (1 Captain and 1 Sen Lt) remained behind and were held under arrest at WUENSDORF. These tps, [redacted] had been evacuated from HUNGARY because of their sympathies towards the Hungarian civilian population.

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5. (a) During the period 26-30 Nov 56, the following troops departed from the HINDENBURG Kaserne:

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Approx 200 troops with black sbds;

" 150 " " green " and green [redacted]

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- (b) The troops carried only personal baggage. They left the barracks [ ] in the direction of BARUTH. The departing troops were under the command of Major DEMIDOV.
- (c) After the departure of these troops the barracks were empty.
6. On 3 Dec 56, approx 300 troops with magenta sbds arrived at the HINDENBURG Kaserne and took up quarters. All the troops appeared very young and were armed with carbines and machine pistols of the new type. This unit has already taken over the responsibility of the control point at MAHLOW.

CAMBRAI Kaserne

7. On 7 Dec 56, it was noticed that the CAMBRAI Kaserne was approx 50% occupied. The troops seen appeared to be new recruits. The garages and gunsheds were all empty.

TANK Repair Depot WUENSDORF

8. During the period 19-30 Nov 56, 12 loaded tanker-wagons arrived by rail at the Tank Repair Depot at WUENSDORF using the auxiliary line to the depot from WUENSDORF main station. Some of the wagons carried the inscriptions in chalk of "GROSS KORBETHA" and "TRÖGLITZ". The distribution of the contents of the wagons was not seen.
9. Within the Tank Repair Depot at WUENSDORF there are the following petrol storage facilities:
- 4 tanks each with 15000 litres capacity.  
2 " " " 20000 " "  
2 small bunkers for the storage of barrels.

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